## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1457

## By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Jim Akins upon his receipt of the Boys & Girls Club of Hamblen County's Service to Youth Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to salute those citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as community and state leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such deserving individual is Jim Akins, who recently received the Boys & Girls Club of Hamblen County's Service to Youth Award, given in honor of long and devoted service to the club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Akins has been a board member for forty-six years; during his tremendous term of service, he has remained a steadfast, productive servant leader who supports all of the club's fundraising efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Clubs exist to serve youth and to be safe places of encouragement, character building, security, and love for children; and

WHEREAS, Service to Youth Award recipients such as Jim Akins embody the mission of Boys & Girls Clubs to positively impact the lives of young people; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Akins is a shining example of the devoted individuals who work tirelessly to ensure that great futures start at the Boys & Girls Clubs; and

WHEREAS, the success of this State, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of individuals such as Mr. Akins, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others and who should be specially recognized for their public and community service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Jim Akins upon his receipt of the Boys & Girls Club of Hamblen County's Service to Youth Award and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.

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